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Arlington, Mass. Selectmen.

Annual Report
of the
Town of Arlington

1855 - 1856

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192449

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974.44

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STATEMENT
OF THE
EXPENDITURES

OF THE

Town of West Cambridge,

From May first, 1855, to May first, 1856.

ALSO THE

LIST OF TOWN, COUNTY AND STATE TAXES, AS ASSESSED
FOR THE YEAR 1856.

TO WHICH IS ADDED THE

Report of the School Committee,

For the School Year 1855--6.

J. S. POTTER,
PRINTER, NO. 2 SPRING LANE, BOSTON.

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S T A T E M E N T
OF THE
Receipts and Expenditures
OF THE
TOWN OF WEST CAMBRIDGE,

From May 1, 1855, to May 1, 1856.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Addison Hill, Collector of 1854,	\$321 10
“ “ Josiah H. Russell, Collector of 1855,	13.870 98
“ “ William Cutter School Fund,	268 90
“ “ State School Fund,	85 69
“ “ Poor Widows' Fund,	4 00
“ “ R. Hopkins for Wm. Martin's services,	33 00
“ “ Schouler Russell and Winn for note,	672 00
“ “ George Pierce “ “	704 43
“ “ J. W. Wallace for License,	8 00
“ for the Use of Hay Scales,	41 46
“ “ Rent of Town House,	885 50
“ “ “ “ Land,	35 00
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	\$16.930 06

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Selectmens' Orders,	\$5.586 71
“ School Committee's Orders,	3.228 48
“ Overseers of the Poor Orders,	1.955 09
“ Engineers' Orders,	115 18
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Amount carried forward,	\$10.885 46

Amount brought forward,	\$10.885 46
Paid Notes to sundry persons,	\$1.162 50
“ Interest on Town Debt,	1.878 78
“ Abatement of Taxes,	140 16
“ State Tax,	1.239 50
“ County Tax,	1.611 48
“ Balance due Treasurer, May 1, 1855,	03
Balance in Treasury, May 1, 1856,	12 15
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	\$16.930 06

ORDERS OF THE SELECTMEN.

Incidental School Expenses.

CENTRE DISTRICT.

Paid Josiah H. Russell, for coal,	67 08
“ Thomas Thorpe, repairs of Pump and sundries,	35 80
“ J. A. Merrifield, stoves, &c.,	28 18
“ R. H. Ford, for making fires,	22 00
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	\$153 06

EAST DISTRICT.

Paid Josiah H. Russell, for coal, &c.,	\$40 81
“ J. A. Merrifield, for grate, &c.,	1 75
“ Abijah Peabody, for making fires,	7 00
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	\$49 56

SOUTH DISTRICT.

Paid Josiah H. Russell, for coal,	\$53 13
“ Storer and Blanchard, for carpenter work,	78 57
“ J. A. Merrifield, for stove pipe, &c.,	16 42
“ W. F. Gile, for maps,	10 00
“ Hiram Brown, for painting,	23 40
“ Charles Russell, for making fires,	20 00
“ Henry Frost, for sundries,	3 25
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Total, \$204 77

NORTH WEST DISTRICT.

Paid Josiah H. Russell, for coal,	\$71 36
“ Mrs. Morrow, for cleaning,	3 00
“ J. A. Merrifield, for repairing stoves, &c.,	12 13
“ Wellington & Swain, for carpenter work,	23 13
“ Solon Hardy, for sundries,	4 38
“ Ellen Bride, for cleaning,	3 00
“ Silas Peabody, for making fires,	23 00
“ Charles Dudley, for mats,	3 06
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	\$143 06

FEES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Rev. George Hill,	\$30 00
“ Dr. J. Underwood,	36 00
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	\$66 00

TOWN BARN.

Paid J. H. Russell, for paint, &c.,	\$37 92
“ J. Hall & Sons, for lumber,	492 12
“ Josiah H. Russell, for cement,	2 00
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	\$532 03

TOWN HOUSE.

Paid Josiah H. Russell, for coal, oil, taking charge of, and collecting rents, &c.,	\$238 56
“ J. A. Merrifield, for stove pipe and cleaning furnace,	2 60
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	\$241 16

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid James Boyd & Son for Hose,	\$201 12
“ Horace Wilson for care of Engine one year, to May 1st, 1855,	30 00
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Amount carried forward,	\$231 12

Amount brought forward,	\$231 12
Paid Jesse Bacon for work on Engine House No. 2,	\$5 75
" J. A. Merrifield, for Boiler, &c. for Engine No. 2,	11 37
" T. H. Russell for Refreshments,	12 87
" T. H. Russell, for Oil for Engine No. 2,	1 34
" Solon Hardy for Refreshments,	5 05
" Amount of Poll Tax refunded to members of Engine No. 1,	42 00
" Amount of Poll Tax refunded to members of Engine No. 2,	27 00
" S. Hardy for Sundries for Engine No. 1,	7 41
" A Lawrence for Badge, &c. for Engine No. 1,	2 37
" J. W. Pierce for care of Engine No. 1, six months,	15 00
" Joel Gray for repairs on Engine No 1,	4 50
" Charles Schwamb for work on Engine No. 1,	3 50
" William Dickson for repairs on Engine No. 1,	2 50
" J. A. Merrifield for Sundries for Engine No. 1,	1 64
" W. H. Richardson for work on Engine No. 1,	75
" Joel Gay for repairs on Engine No. 2,	8 00
" J. A. Merrifield for Sundries for Engine No. 2,	17 17
" T. H. Russell for " " "	4 70
" E. Robinson for Locks and Keys for Engine No. 2,	10 45
" J. W. Wallace for Lamps for Engine No. 2,	4 74
" Oliver Russell for care of Engine No. 2. one year,	30 00
" John F. Allen for Sundries for Engineers,	1 45
" Mrs. Blackington for cleaning Depot,	1 00
Total,	<u>\$451 68</u>
Paid by Order of Engineers.	

MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY.

Paid John Winn for labor on Tomb,	\$113 39
" Wm. Adams & Co. for Tomb Door and Lock,	29 38
" J. Buzzell & Sons for Bricks,	63 75
" W. P. Winkley for Granite,	200 00
" Josiah H. Russell for Cement,	12 88
Total,	<u>\$419 40</u>

HIGHWAYS.

Paid John Lacy for Labor,	\$233 00
“ Daniel Sullivan do.	120 00
“ Henry Folsom do.,	131 73
“ Thomas Cutter do.,	48 48
“ Martin Lennon do.,	30 62
“ Wm. Kennedy do.,	21 25
“ Henry Frost for breaking out streets,	40 50
“ Stephen Symmes, Jr. do. do.	5 00
“ Stephen Symmes for Gravel,	14 16
“ J. A. Estabrook do.	2 50
“ William Gay do.	16 25
“ W. H. Richardson for Blacksmith work,	47 14
“ Joel F. Hanson do. do.	18 59
“ Joshua Caldwell do. do.	20 09
“ Abel Lawrence for Harness Work, &c.,	13 60
“ William L. Clark do. do.	26 51
“ Storer & Blanchard, Labor and Lumber,	5 59
“ E. Willard for Lumber,	113 58
“ S. C. Buckman for Wheelwright Work,	17 25
“ Ammi C. Teel for Stone,	24 50
“ Joseph Hill for exchanging horse,	150 00
“ Jacob Pierce for Hay,	29 53
“ J. P. Hastings do.,	15 14
“ Estate of Nathaniel Hill for land and damages,	34 00
“ James W. Presby on account of new Bridge,	200 00
“ S. F. Woodbridge for lot of grass,	125 00
“ M. W. Marsh for Hay Cutter,	10 50
“ Brown Brothers for Corn,	44 32
“ Solon Hardy for Grain, &c.,	377 13
“ John Winn for Labor on Bridges,	14 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1949 96

NOTE.—The Board of the men employed on Highways is strictly chargeable under this head, but is included in the expenses of the Almshouse, under the orders of the Overseers of the Poor, and is estimated at about \$400 which being added to the above sum makes the actual expense for Highways.

INCIDENTAL.

Paid Mansir W. Marsh for services as Selectman,	\$56 00
“ William Dickson do. do. do.	30 00
“ George C. Russell do. do. do.	38 00
“ Josiah H. Russell for services as Treasurer,	50 00
“ Josiah H. Russell for services as Collector,	150 00
“ John Locke for services as Town Clerk,	25 00
“ Stephen Symmes for services as Assessor,	75 00
“ William Dickson for services as Assesor and notices	69 00
“ Joseph O. Wellington for services as Assessor,	65 00
“ John B. Hartwell for services as Constable,	97 00
“ Helen M. Jarvis for services as Librarian, &c.,	33 00
“ Thurston Boynton for ringing Bell,	65 00
“ Finance Committee,	15 00
“ Juvenile Library, by vote of town,	30 00
“ Brown & Johnson for stock and labor,	62 50
“ Thomas Thorpe for Gate Posts,	14 50
“ Walter Fetcher for rent of Spring,	10 00
“ Reuben Bacon for repairing furnace, &c.,	2 50
“ William T. Wood for Blacksmith work,	12 31
“ Thomas Thorpe for repairnig Scales, Clocks, &c.,	29 42
“ Prescott & Proctor for Books and Stationery,	28 58
“ F. F. Johnson, for Painting,	22 00
“ Wellington & Swain for Carpenter work,	9 37
“ Middlesex County Receptacle for Insane, for board of Aaron Locke,	87 50
“ H. Holmes for Sleigh,	5 00
“ John Locke, Esq. for returns of births and deaths, and costs in case of S. Blackington,	24 39
“ Samuel Hoar, Esq., consultation and advice,	6 00
“ James Russell, Esq. for professional services,	30 00
“ W. E. Parmenter, Esq., for professional servyices,	40 00
“ Dr. J. Underwood for taking Census of children,	10 00
“ Charles J. Frost for laying out street,	5 00
“ Joseph Pearson for setting glass and painting tomb,	4 60
“ Joseph Teel for Sand,	5 00
“ J. S. Potter for Printing,	111 84

Amount carried forward,

\$1318 51

Amount brought forward,	\$1318 51
Paid Addison Hill for collecting taxes 1854-5,	168 70
“ Mrs. Cox from Poor Widows’ Fund,	2 00
“ Mrs. Lakin do. do. do.	2 00
“ Abatement of Taxes,	140 16
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	\$1631 37

ORDERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TEACHERS SALARIES.

Paid Silas Peabody,	\$650 00
“ C. L. Washburn	650 00
“ W. F. Gile,	579 16
“ R. C. Hardy,	62 50
“ Amelia A. Douglass,	225 00
“ Sarah M. Chase,	225 00
“ Lydia C. Tucker,	275 00
“ Mary C. Hill,	225 00
“ Adeline P. Hill,	99 00
“ Henrietta Hill,	33 00
“ Christiana W. Jennison,	126 00
“ Harriet Blake,	38 00
“ Mary A. Shattuck,	7 20
“ Stephen Swan in accordance with vote of town,	13 44
“ Stephen Symmes “ “ “	6 74
“ Abel Pierce, “ “ “	6 72
“ Oliver H. Pierce, “ “ “	6 22
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	\$3228 48

ORDERS OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid Henry Locke, for provisions,	\$184 46
“ M. A. Richardson, for services and female help,	500 00
“ “ “ for wood bought at auction,	33 50
“ “ “ for cash paid to paupers,	9 65
“ T. H. Russell, for groceries,	152 21
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Amount carried forward,	\$879 82

Amount brought forward,	\$879 82
Paid Solon Hardy, for groceries,	127 23
“ Andrews Howe, “	161 63
“ Moses Proctor, “	113 58
“ Prescott & Proctor, for dry goods,	137 13
“ Dr. R. L. Hodgdon, for medicine and attendance,	20 00
“ M. W. Marsh, for one cow,	57 00
“ Marshall & Simonds, for clothing,	12 45
“ John Winning, for hay,	10 92
“ John Whipple, for fish,	24 61
“ C. P. Nason, for making carpet,	3 00
“ Thomas Ramsdell, for boots and shoes,	22 14
“ Josiah H. Russell, for coal,	179 89
“ Kenny & Pierce, for ice,	7 85
“ Amos Hill, Jr., for two pigs,	20 40
“ City of Boston, for support of E. Estabrook,	13 00
“ Albert Winn, for vinegar,	3 40
“ John B. Hartwell for funeral of John Wilson,	9 00
“ “ “ “ Jane Hosford,	7 00
“ Josiah H. Russell, for services as overseer,	25 00
“ Stephen Symmes, Jr., “ “	22 00
“ Henry Frost, for “ “	20 00
“ City of Boston, for support of Susannah Frost,	9 51
“ City of Charlestown, for support of Mrs. Burbeck,	2 00
“ J. A. Merrifield, for hardware, &c.,	56 53
“ J. B. Hartwell, for funeral of James Dorothy,	10 00
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	\$1.955 09

TOWN DEBT.

Paid Mrs. Rebecca Whittemore, two notes,	\$800 00
“ “ “ “ interest,	46 50
“ Francis Hill, note,	112 50
“ “ “ interest,	20 28
“ Deborah Butterfield, on note,	100 00
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Amount carried forward,	\$1079 28

Amount brought forward,	\$1079 28
Paid Deborah Butterfield, interest,	5 00
“ Thomas Cutter, note,	150 00
“ “ “ interest,	3 00
“ John Albee, interest,	1.150 00
“ William A. Russell, interest,	300 00
“ Charles Cutter, “	150 00
“ Daniel C. Brown, “	120 00
“ John W. Simpson, “	36 00
“ Amos Fillebrown, “	30 00
“ Stephen Symmes, Jr., “	18 00
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	\$3.041 28

RECAPITULATION.

Incidental School Expenses,	\$616 45
Town Barn,	532 03
Town House,	241 16
Fire Department,	451 68
Mount Pleasant Cemetery,	419 40
Highways,	1.949 96
Incidental expenses,	1.631 37
Schools,	3.228 48
Almshouse and Paupers,	1.955 09
Town Debt,	3.041.28
County Tax,	1.611 48
State Tax,	1.239 50
Balance due the Treasurer, May 1, 1855,	03
Balance in Treasury, May 1, 1856,	12 15
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MANSIR W. MARSH,	} <i>Finance Committee. of Town of W. Cam.</i>
WILLIAM DICKSON,	
ALBERT WINN,	
JOSIAH H. RUSSELL,	
ABEL R. PROCTOR,	

Town and County Taxes,

AS ASSESSED

FOR THE YEAR 1856.

A.		Brookhoush John H.	11	92
Allen Abbott	\$87 83	Birmingham Patrick	1	50
Adams Capt. John	100 87	Brooks George	1	50
Allen John	10 52	Brooks John W.	9	94
Allen Wm. H.	8 44	Brooks Wid. Sarah	3	93
Allen Andrew	1 50	Brooks James W.	1	50
Avery Wid. Sarah	5 78	Butterfield Samuel	184	77
Armstrong John	2 30	Barnes Martin	31	37
Adams Dea William	69 95	Blake E. N.	2	89
Adams Amos	4 74	Brine Edward O.	1	50
Adams Aaron A.	1 50	Boynton Thurston	1	50
Ansbrov Michael	1 50	Brooks Asa	2	43
Alexander Dr. John	153 89	Butterfield Joseph	47	40
Alexander Dr. John		Brooks Addison	45	55
Trustee for C. Alex-		Bailey Patrick	1	50
ander.	7 41	Barrow James	1	50
Allen David	1 50	Brown Hiram	2	66
Abbott Abiel	18 50	Bartlett John T.	33	88
Allen Charles	5 43	Bell Parslow	1	50
Adams est. of Hannah	11 56	Blanchard James C.	13	99
B.		Barston James	5	43
Brooks Alfred	7 51	Blackington Samuel	2	43
Burk Michael 1st	2 43	Bailey Edward	1	60
Burk Michael 2d	1 50	Baldwin Mr.	1	50
Burns John	1 50	Burns John	1	50
Bucknam S. C.	18 29	Bacon Reuben	1	50
Butler Thomas	1 50	Bacon Jesse	6	82
Bryan John O.	1 50	Bacon Henry	2	43
		Brooks Cyrus	27	63
		Bride Edmund	1	50

Cannon Hannah	1 39	Cutter Ira	1 25
Cutter Gershom	27 12	Clark est. of Daniel	23 59
Cutter John	2 89	Carney John	1 50
Cutter F.	1 50	Carney Michael	1 50
Clark Calvin	2 43		
Clark & Burr	11 11	D.	
Clark David	43 13	Dunnivan John	1 50
Cutter Elijah	56 65	Daniels est. of John P.	14 57
Cummins O. B.	1 50	Dodge H. Joseph	1 50
Culnine Stephen	1 50	Dickson Aaron	19 07
Collins Patrick	1 50	Dickson Aaron P.	1 50
Cady Rev. Daniel R.	10 75	Dupree William P.	17 69
Currier H. B.	1 50	Doyle Daniel	1 50
Clark David 2d	1 73	Dunn Cornelius	1 50
Chamberlain David	61 97	Dodge Davis	3 81
Cunnuff Michael	1 50	Dickey Nathan	1 50
Callehan Patrick	1 50	Dunn Dennis	2 89
Crosby Capt. Rolon	6 13	Dolon John	1 50
Clark Josiah	15 38	Durgan James	4 74
Chapman Edward	40 82	Davis John	2 89
Chatram Napoleon	1 50	Denney William	1 50
Call Henry E.	45 56	Day John W.	1 50
Call Henry	1 50	Dudley Charles	1 50
Crowley Cornelius	1 50	Debloice Henry	1 50
Carter Michael	3 93	Dolon James	1 50
Carter Daniel	1 50	Davis Samuel S.	3 81
Carter Joseph	1 50	Davis Aden	2 89
Carroll Patrick	1 50	Dodge Paul F.	41 51
Cutting Charles	18 04	Dodge F. David	1 50
Cain John	1 50	Dodge Joshua G.	17 11
Cutter Ammi	5 66	Dexter John	1 50
Crosby John S.	26 70	Dupree Lorenzo	6 13
Coleman Michael	1 50	Davis Adolphus	123 66
Carroll John	1 50	Daniels John	1 50
Cannon John	1 50	Donahor Timothy	2 43
Crothier Joseph	1 50	Doyle John	1 50
Casey John	4 27	Durgan B. F.	1 50
Cutter Elijah L.	13 88	Donnell Michael	1 50
Carter Martin	1 50	Dailey Matthew	1 50
Collins Michael	5 13	Dodge Albert	1 50
Call est. of Jonathan	37 00	Dodge William S.	1 50
Cutter Martha	2 53	Dickson William	45 55
Cook heirs of B. imp.		Dickson Frederick	5 20
by S. C. Buckman.	6 02	Dickson Albert L.	6 13
Converse h'rs of Joseph	5 09	Damon est. of David	12 49

E.

Eddy Levi	1	50
Eastbrook Horatio	2	43
Eaton Timothy	42	78
Emerson William	1	50
Enbard Casper	1	50
Eastbrook James A.	42	90
Eriselus Linke	1	50

F.

Fitch Dennis	1	50
Fitch Patrick	1	50
Foster James E.	1	50
Fillebrown John	46	60
Frost Francis S.	37	11
Foster Isaac	1	50
Farmer Thomas	1	50
Ford Simon	1	50
Frost Wid. Mary	6	94
Frost Reuben	1	50
Fessenden Wid. Almira	7	86
Farrow Perry	1	50
Fisher Aaron D.	1	50
Fessenden N. M.	17	69
Ford John	1	50
Fisher John	1	50
Fessenden P. B.	13	53
Fessenden G. H.	1	50
Fessenden John J.	1	50
Fessenden, Whittemore & Co.	30	76

Frederick William A.	1	50
Furgerson James	4	74
Fletcher Walter	121	82
Fry Francis	1	50
Flint John	1	50
Frost William H.	7	06
Fitzgerald Morris	1	50
Fuller Moses	1	50
Farmer Elbridge	46	93
Freeman John D.	33	41
Frost Abijah	12	60
Frost L. Edmund	2	89
Field John	83	13

Frost Thaddeus	23	99
Frost Artemus	7	52
Frost Jonathan	115	16
Frost Silas	79	43
Frost Isaac	52	12
Frost Varnum	30	75
Frost Henry	62	76
Frost Jr. Henry	4	27
Frost Warren S.	33	11
Fisher David	1	50
Frost Newell C.	62	55
Frost & Hill	3	82
Fermoyle Michael	1	50
Fermoyle Patrick	1	50
Farrell William	1	50
Frost Walter guardian for W. L. Frost	6	94
Fowle John	167	08
Frost Isaac guardian for A. Frost	6	94
Frost Henry trustee for Mrs. J. Cutter	1	39
Frost est. of Amos	13	77
Frost Eliza A.	43	94
Frost Josiah L. imp. by E. Walton	21	97
Frost Wid. Mary	6	94
Fillebrown Edward	17	23
Frost Wid. Sibel	1	86
Frost Mary A.	2	08

G.

Gately Michael	1	50
Gately Alexander	1	50
Grant John	1	50
Gassett Lotan	33	64
Goockeritz F.	6	13
Gardner Miles	12	72
Gray George W.	1	50
Gigger Charles	1	50
Gigger Simon	1	50
Green Otis	1	50
Gammell John	17	69
Gould Joseph	1	50

Gannett Rev. George	2	89	Hazard Frank	1	50
Guild George F.	1	50	Hanlen Patsey	1	50
Griffith & Co.	98	52	Howe Andrews	13	53
Gibson Thomas	4	27	Hills Charles E.	1	50
Gates Daniel W.	1	50	Horton L. B.	23	23
Gammon Aaron	3	35	Hartwell John B.	13	75
Glass John	1	50	Hartwell John H.	1	50
Goodwin Charles E.	1	50	Hall Jr. Jacob	18	15
Griffith Charles	114	12	Hill Rev. George	3	81
Gray George H.	112	39	Hall Isaac	8	67
Gould Francis	10	76	Hall Thomas	65	96
Goodnow Oliver	1	50	Hurley Timothy	1	50
Green Wid. Esther	32	38	Higgins Dennis	6	59
Green Samuel	10	52	Hart John	1	50
Green Marshall	3	81	Hill Nathaniel	12	84
Guptill Robert	1	50	Hardy Solon	21	15
Garrett Joseph	1	50	Heart George	1	50
Gates S.	1	50	Hobbs Jacob F.	14	91
Gregor Andrew Mc	1	50	Hobbs Lorenzo	18	85
Gibson James	2	89	Hill Addison	37	81
Green trustee Otis	1	39	Hill Harrison	5	20
Green Robert	1	50	Hardy Milon R.	8	44
Gilson Jeremiah	7	98	Hand Oscar	1	50
Gage Addison	107	76	Hare Heman	1	50
Gage Sawyer & Co.	243	28	Hill 2d Amos	9	47
Gardner Abner imp. by			Hatch Nicholas	1	50
D. Locke	10	64	Hogan Thomas	3	35
Graves Willard	1	50	Hodgdon Dr. R. L.	4	27
			Hutchinson T. K.	3	93
			Hutchinson Wm. S.	1	50
H.			Hopkins Capt. Reu-		
Heron Elzer	1	50	ben	102	37
Herick Lewis	1	50	Hewes Joseph	8	44
Hill 3d William	11	69	Hill Charles	24	63
Hagerty John	1	50	Hill George	38	62
Hodge John	1	50	Hill Wid. Betsey	11	56
Hill Samuel W.	15	84	Hill Mary	8	13
Hammett Francis A.	3	81	Hill Sarah	8	10
Horey Ebenezer	1	50	Hill Amos	42	32
Hanes David	1	50	Hustis Warren	18	62
Hills George H.	21	39	Hill Henry Y.	65	33
Huthins Daniel P.	1	50	Hill & Co. H. Y.	63	94
Hill H. W.	9	59	Haforth John	1	50
Hatherway Charles	5	20	Homer Wm. F.	89	60
Hurley William	1	50			

Homer A. W.	2 43	Kenny Michael	7 06
Hill Francis	63 59	Kidder Joseph	1 50
Hanson Joel F.	15 95	Kendall Daniel	1 50
Hill Charles H.	1 50	Kendall F. L.	2 43
Hill 2d William	63 29	Keith James	1 50
Hill Abraham	3 35	King Andrew	3 81
Hill Gershom	1 50	Kendall Hosea	1 96
Hill Joseph	39 89	Kelley James	1 50
Hagerty Jeremiah	1 50	Kent James W.	1 50
Higgins Albert	4 73	Kenny Thomas J.	1 50
Homer Eleazer	69 83	Kenney James W.	1 50
Hammett Samuel P.	21 39	Kenny Timothy	3 44
Hardy R. C.	1 50	Kimball & Russell	8 33
Hischaur Anson	1 50	Kittridge J. C.	1 50
Hinton John R.	3 35	Kenny Andrew	1 50
Hall Solomon	1 50		
Hill Eber	1 50	L.	
Hanson William	4 27	Lacy John	2 89
Hurley William	1 50	Lawrence Henry L.	20 01
Hill Amos and H. Y.	25 90	Lawrence John P.	1 50
Hill Jr. Amos	86 02	Leary Jeremiah	5 66
Homer Capt. James	72 75	Leary Timothy	1 50
Hill est. of Nancy	11 10	Loud Nathaniel	1 50
Hill Miss Nancy	2 43	Late John	1 50
Horton Rev. Francis	22 31	Locke Davis	29 25
Hill Jr. Amos, Guardian	4 16	Litchfield Franklin	9 36
Hill est. of James	41 81	Lilwall John	1 50
Hollinsworth J. M.	57 69	Lonergon Thomas	1 50
Hill est. of Nathaniel	37 69	Lawrence Abel	3 93
		Locke Horatio	21 86
J.		Locke Henry	1 50
Jarvis est. of John	19 89	Locke Thomas	1 50
Jenkins est. of Isaiah	9 94	Lines Richard	1 50
Johnson Nathaniel	25 16	Landergan David	1 50
Johnson Francis	1 50	Lahary John	1 50
Johnson Edward	1 50	Lines Timothy	1 50
Jeffers George	1 50	Libby Ira	1 50
Joyce John	1 50	Leaverly George	1 50
Jennings James	1 50	Locke G. Elbridge	50 07
		Locke Warren	1 50
K.		Locke Samuel B.	1 50
Kelly Patrick	1 50	Locke Josiah	1 50
Keniston Charles	13 06	Larkin William	1 50
Kief William	1 50	Locke William P.	1 50
Kelly John	1 50	Lawrence William W.	3 35

Lakin N. B.	1 50	imp. by O. Winship	17 80
Locke Charles D.	1 50	Locke Wid. Amos	11 56
Leary Dennis O.	1 50	Locke Wid. Delmont	4 63
Leary John O.	1 50		
Leary Thomas O.	1 50	M.	
Lewis Samuel	49 83	Miles Robert	1 50
Lamory Joseph	1 50	Murdough George	4 73
Laduke Peter	1 50	Mott Henry	13 43
Lewis Francis	1 50	Murrigan Tains	1 50
Lombard Richard F.	2 89	Mahony Timothy	1 50
Locke Stephen	31 57	McCarty Dennis	1 50
Lennon Martin	1 50	McCarty John	1 50
Late Westley	1 50	McCarthy Maurice	8 90
Locke Artemuas	126 63	Mayo Timothy	1 50
Locke Benjamin B.	4 73	Mayo Capt. Henry L.	24 43
Locke Henry J.	1 50	Mott Joseph B.	31 79
Locke Hannah C.	16 65	Mahan William	1 50
Locke B. Delmot	3 81	Meder Jacob	1 50
Lane W. J.	27 99	Merrifield Joseph A.	18 85
Lane George W.	1 50	Morrison Charles H.	1 50
Lawrence John	1 50	Mossaw Michael	1 50
Leonard William	1 50	Murphy James	1 50
Lyons Thomas	1 50	McCarty Michael	1 50
Lynch Samuel S.	3 01	McHarny Daniel	1 50
Lynch Edward A. R.	1 50	McCarty Dennis 1st	1 50
Lahee William	1 50	McCarty Dennis 2d	1 50
Locke Daniel	1 50	McNeil Daniel	3 81
Locke Edwin	31 91	Magoney Bartholomew	1 50
Locke Edwin imp. by		Moor Thomas	1 50
H. Kendall	5 09	Mc Groth Patrick	1 50
Locke Edwin imp. by		Moroney James	2 66
Higgins	14 34	Mahoney Dennis	1 50
Locke William H.	8 56	Molton Arthur	1 50
Locke George A.	48 29	Murphy Thomas	1 50
Locke Esq. John	3 81	Messer George E.	1 50
Locke Wid. Hannah B.	32 42	Marrow John	1 50
Locke Caroline A.	7 40	Maloney James	1 50
Locke Wid. Ame	19 91	Mc Fee Benjamin	1 50
Locke est. of Albert	5 77	Mc Carthy Timothy	1 50
Locke Wid. Elizabeth	4 16	Monroe James	1 50
Locke est. of Abel	5 56	Mosher C. S.	2 89
Lee Capt. George	1.214 99	Mc Carty Lawrence	1 50
Langley Eliza A.	2 77	Mariga Garret	1 50
Locke heirs of Benj'n	12 26	Mosher James	1 50
Locke heirs of Benj'n		Morrow William	1 50
		Mack Patrick	1 50

Mayo Jesse	1 50	Puffer David	25 09
McCarty Dennis	1 50	Puffer Jephther	1 62
Mayo David	1 50	Peabody John	30 87
McNut David	1 50	Peabody James	41 63
McCarty John	1 50	Proctor Moses	29 72
Maxwell James	1 50	Poland Benjamin	17 91
Mills James	1 50	Price William	2 43
McCarty Timothy	1 50	Parks Thomas	1 50
Morton Thomas C.	5 20	Perley Stephen	1 50
Moore John	1 50	Pierce Abner	151 23
McNulty Peter	1 50	Pierce James H.	1 50
Moore Mr.	1 50	Pierce Henry A.	1 50
McCarty Cornelius	1 50	Prentiss Amos	10 98
Moore William H.	1 50	Prentiss John	1 50
Merideth Edward	1 50	Pierce Capt. George	71 10
McCarthy John	1 50	Pierce Mrs. Harriet	9 25
Marsh Mansir W.	46 88	Pratt John	11 68
Marsh L. Frederick	1 50	Pattee Enoch D.	3 81
N.		Pierce Eben	1 50
Noyes J. L.	2 89	Price James	1 50
Norris William	1 50	Peabody Silas	3 81
Noland Bryan	1 50	Pierce Jerome	1 50
Newell C. H.	6 13	Pierce John W.	1 50
Nudd Joseph H.	1 50	Perry John B.	14 22
Neiderman George	1 50	Pierce James A.	1 50
Nourse Nathan	5 43	Page James	1 50
Nolan Brian	1 50	Prentiss Mary	2 31
Nolan John	1 50	Prentiss Wid. F. R.	10 29
Nason Charles H.	1 50	Pierce Thomas P.	60 23
Nickerson Jonas C.	8 44	Pierce John A. P.	48 03
Nason heirs of E.	33 30	Pierce Thomas W.	1 50
Nikola Matthias	1 50	Pierce Edward B.	1 50
Niles William J.	81 40	Pierce Ebenezer P.	33 88
O.		Parmeter Esq. Wm. E.	6 13
Osborn John	7 52	Pattee Jesse P.	71 46
Ober Joseph E.	1 50	Palmer Nathaniel	1 50
Osgood George	3 81	Pattee William H.	1 50
P.		Pattee Alonzo	1 50
Prior William	1 50	Potter J. S.	8 44
Pratt Andrew	31 56	Prentiss Abby W.	16 65
Predy John	1 50	Payson Mary P.	25 44
		Pratt Nathan	61 16
		Patterson Nicholas	1 50
		Patterson Matthew	7 25
		Parks Alfred	6 59

Prescott & Proctor	78	63	Rowe Patrick	1	50
Prescott E. R.	12	60	Russell George H.	1	50
Proctor A. R.	22	31	Reardon Peter	2	66
Porter Adaniram	1	50	Russell Alfred	1	50
Piper Edward	1	50	Russell James S.	11	21
Pearson Joseph	1	96	Russell Bowen	23	76
Pratt Nathan imp. by Newell	23	58	Russell Ira L.	2	43
Pierce Thomas P. trustee for Mrs. Grant	5	09	Russell Wid. Rebecca	6	48
Prentiss George	44	17	Rich Leonard	1	50
Prentiss Jr. George	15	03	Robinson Luther	7	06
Peck A. G.	390	93	Robbins Nathan	305	59
Prentiss Samuel	5	20	Robbins Edwin	6	13
Prentiss est. of James	23	12	Richardson James M.	10	29
Pierce Wid. Lydia	20	12	Robbins Daniel	23	24
Pierce Abel	39	31	Richardson William	66	38
Pierce Oliver H.	6	59	Richardson Richard	9	83
Pitts & Bailey	29	60	Russell Amos	28	54
Poland Benjamin imp. by Osgood	20	81	Russell Oliver	15	50
Pierce Wid. Jonas	6	71	Russell J. W.	2	19
Pitts & Bailey imp. by Gage, Sawyer & Co.	23	01	Russell Josiah H.	40	93
R.			Reill Anton	1	50
Russell & Whittemore	26	82	Rauber Frederick	1	50
Richard L. Marshall	1	50	Ruffley Henry	1	50
Richardson Mark A.	6	59	Robbins James	1	96
Russell Benjamin F.	41	27	Russell Wid. Rebecca imp. by G. C. Russell	35	38
Robbins Joshua	36	31	Russell Wid. Rebecca imp. by Solon Hardy	3	24
Rawson Warren	46	30	Robinson Josiah	15	38
Riley James	1	50	Robbins Nathan imp. by D. Puffer	2	77
Ryan John	1	50	Russell Mrs. Sarah	2	31
Russell 2d James	40	00	Russell Col. Thomas	225	48
Richardson George B.	46	08	Russell George C.	49	74
Richardson G. B. & Co.	21	74	Russell Geo. C. trustee	4	63
Richardson George E.	1	50	Russell Thomas J.	57	26
Rock Adolphus	1	50	Russell Eliza A.	1	33
Ramsdell Thomas	43	36	Russell Esq. James	154	59
Russell Thomas H.	6	13	Russell heirs of James imp. by M. Proctor	20	81
Russell Albin	2	43	S.		
Russell Capt. Edward	9	83	Sargent John	1	50
Richardson Wm. H.	25	26	Sullivan John R.	1	50
Russell 2d G. C.	16	77	Speatman Robert	1	50

Shattuck Isaac	63	60	Swan Timothy	46	72
Simonds Marshall	29	94	Swan Martha	3	39
Squires John P.	38	86	Spear Joseph S.	23	71
Sweeney Jeremiah	1	50	Simpson Alonzo	17	69
Sanderson Wid. Mary	2	77	Stearns Leonard	40	93
Swan 2d Charles	1	50	Stearns Jr. Leonard	1	50
Sullivan John	1	50	Stearns George	40	02
Stowe William	8	44	Smith Francis	8	44
Sheber Joseph	1	50	Smith Joseph	5	66
Sweeney Edward	1	50	Scott James	1	50
Shepard Thomas	1	50	Sullivan James	1	50
Steines James	1	50	Smith John	1	50
Sweeney Daniel	1	50	Sawing J. C.	1	50
Swan Samuel	23	24	Smith James E.	1	50
Storer Edward	17	57	Schouler Robert	67	87
Stacy Nathan	1	50	Schouler & Brother R.	66	82
Sweat William L.	2	43	Strahan Thomas	1	50
Swain B. D.	13	52	Stringle Gatlib	1	50
Stevens John R.	1	50	Shaw James	1	50
Stevens George	1	50	Stokes Alfred	1	50
Swan Gershom	1	50	Sumner Walter	1	50
Sargent Elisha	1	50	Soles William	7	05
Sweeney Patrick	1	50	Setchell Wm. F. A.	11	68
Sullivan Michael	1	50	Schouler Jr. James	31	56
Schwamb & Brothers C.	9	25	Smith Rev. Samuel A.	6	59
Schwamb Jacob	1	50	Smith Rev. S. A. Guar-		
Schwamb Peter	1	50	dian for E. P. Smith	7	35
Schwamb Theodore	1	50	Smith Rev. S. A. Guar-		
Schwamb Charles	1	50	dian for S. A. Smith	8	69
Schweiser John	1	50	Smith Rev. S. A. Guar-		
Shay Henry	1	50	dian for E. D. Smith	9	51
Starkweather E. C.	19	55	Swan est. of Henry	17	70
Sargent Timothy	1	50	Schouler John	86	03
Swan Harrison	1	50	Snelling est. of Char-		
Swan Henry	20	81	lotte	17	58
Swain Rev. S. B.	10	75	Society Trustees of		
Sheperd James	1	50	Baptist	60	32
Solomon Edward	1	50	Symmes Stephen	55	85
Swan Stephen	67	70	Symmes Jr. Stephen	16	19
Solomon John	1	50	Swan heirs of Gershom	21	04
Stanwood Theodore	4	27	Snow Richard	1	50
Stanwood Daniel	3	81	Sheen Thomas	3	24
Smith Edward	38	97	Swan Charles	1	50
Swan Wid. Phebe	19	89			
Shepard Norman	1	50			

T.

Tufts Capt. Benjamin	26	94
Teel Joseph	31	92
Thorp Thomas	13	99
Tufts Ephraim	96	49
Taft H. B.	8	44
Trask Moses C.	16	66
Town Levi	1	50
Toomey Cornelius	4	27
Toomey Michael	1	50
Thaxter James	11	90
Teel Albert L.	13	99
Teel est. of Thomas H.	81	87
Teel Albert L. Guardian		93
Thorp Thomas E.	1	50
Tufts Henry	23	70
Teel George S.	22	32
Taylor William	1	50
Tufts Horatio	1	50
Tilton Elbridge	1	50
Thorp Alfred	1	50
Toland James	1	50
Tufts Wid. Helen W.	2	31
Teel est. of B. C.	10	05

U.

Underwood Napoleon	21	85
Underwood Dr. Joseph	16	65
Usher est. of Elmira	4	63

W.

Whittemore Wm. H.	61	17
Whittle Parker	1	50
Wright Stephen E.	1	50
Warren Marshall	1	50
Whittemore Charles	20	00
Woard Willard	2	89
Woods B. F.	13	76
Wilbur Thomas	1	50
Walker E. R.	7	06
Wallace J. W.	6	35
Woodman Charles	1	50
White Charles	1	50

Wyman James	18	03
Whittemore Wid. Rebecca	43	12
Whittemore Henry	36	66
Whittemore Henry trustee for J. Coffin	4	63
Whittemore Henry, trustee for E. A. W.		
Whittemore & H. C.		
Whittemore	71	23
Whittemore Henry C.	1	50
Whittemore Gershom	24	51
Wood William T.	14	45
Wood Isaac	4	74
Wells Sarah	7	17
Wyman Wid. Mary	3	24
Warren Joseph	1	50
Whittemore F. H.	62	78
Whittemore est. of Jonathan	93	19
Whittemore Wid. E. L.	4	33
Whittemore est. of Elbridge	13	88
Wyman John P.	1	50
Wyman Abner	1	50
Whitten J. W.	22	78
Whitten J. W. imp. by Kimball	8	33
Whitten J. W. imp. by Hart	8	33
Woodbridge J. M.	2	65
Woodard George W.	1	50
Winn John	12	60
White Nathaniel	1	50
Warner James	1	50
Winn est. of Sarah	3	24
Winn Albert	89	15
Winn Albert Guardian for M. D. Frost	41	63
Wellington & Swain	9	71
Wellington David K.	17	81
Waite Wid. Cynthia	8	33
Woodbridge Samuel	3	81
Woodbridge Henry W.	1	50
Woodbridge Albert A.	1	50

LIST OF NON-RESIDENTS

AS ASSESSED

For the Year 1856.

Bowman Wid. Frances	\$4 63	Jacob Hanscomb	3 47
Philander Ames	1 16	C. W. Kingsley	10 41
William Cotting	80 13	Smith & Lougee	63 13
David Cooledge	1 85	Thomas Hutchinson	23 98
Dr. Benjamin Cutter	15 73	Est. of Stephen Robbins	20 35
Wid. Susan Huffmaster	5 21	Henry Wellington, Jr.,	20 35
William Horne	1 85	Jason Thayer	5 09
Heirs of David and Josiah Kendall	2 54	Michael Campbell	1 85
Locke est. of Micajah	20 17	Joseph Dickson	4 16
Asa Locke	4 17	Francis Russell	4 05
Phineas Lawrence	7 96	Nathan Smith	7 52
Est. of Emerson Parks	6 94	Jeremiah Russell	2 68
Wid. Abigail Richardson	3 24	James M. Fessenden	2 43
Josiah Bright	1 39	John R. Hagan	10 64
Est. of William Russell	18 50	Reuben Reed	14 81
Levi Russell	14 57	George D. Cutler	4 63
Wid. Lydia Whitney		Silas Cutler	13 88
& Walter H. Russell	4 10	Est. of James Brown	76 06
James Stearns	0 93	Moses A. Getchell	11 56
Est. of Isaac Sanderson	58	John Swan, Jr.	1 39
Frederick Tudor	158 50	M. C. Kenny	24 05
J. W. Converse	35 15	Est. of James Brown	
Marlborough Williams	26 36	imp. by E. Brown	19 19
Frederick Tudor imp. by		James M. Usher	19 66
S. Lynch	29 14	Jacob Hittinger	80 94
Elbridge Fisk	9 71	David Hill	9 71
James L. Pitts	2 77	Thomas H. Bailey	93
Joseph Palmer.	2 31	Samuel Cutler	23 12
Mr. Glidden	5 56	Dr. G. H. Dadd	7 71
Amos Quimby	17 81	Washington Jacobs	1 85
George Adams	11 10	Wallace, P. D.	93
Timothy Whittemore	18 50	John W. Prentiss	1 16
Heirs of John L. Sullivan	6 94	Jonas Viles	5 09

J. M. Baldwin	1 85	Joseph Reed	2 41
Edward Riddle	4 16	Supply Barney	2 08
J. C. Chase	12 95	Ballou & Hibbard	5 48
J. D. Green	2 31	Isiah Fisher	78
Jacob Stearns	93	David H. Thorp	69
William Monroe	3 24	Joel A. Wright	1 74
Aaron Locke	69	Moses B. Brigham	83
B. F. Allen	11 68	Nathan C. Downing	2 08
Est. of Anna Tufts	1 39	Jeremiah Curtain	1 78
John Swan	2 54	Alvin Abbott	69
Thomas Dewer	93	George C. Thompson	69
William White	93	Hannah L. Singleton	69
Daniel White	2 08	William H. Rymill	52
E. R. Collins	1 85	Hamilton Raddick and	
Est. of J. C. Collins,	93	John Gault	69
William Bullock	1 16	Joseph H. Park	2 22
Joseph A. Veasey	33 07	James Russell and James	
Est. of Preston Shepard	11 56	S. Brigham	78
John Mills	6 71	William Spurgin	79
Andrew Lewis	5 09	John O. Niles	1 62
J. Dodge	2 08	Charles Patterson	69
Edward Payson, Guard.	7 40	Robert B. Rogers	83
J. V. Fletcher	47 89	Thomas Robie	4 17
Oliver M. Winship	8 79	James M. Woodbridge	3 25
Joseph Cartland	22 66	Hammilton Raddick	86
James C. Converse	22 66	John Gault	60
F. S. G. Robinson	69	John Muldoon	69
Joseph T. Richardson	1 13	Nahum Packard	9 71
F. M. Jennings	5 56		

THE AMOUNT OF TOWN VALUATION.

Real Estate, \$2.114.006.00

Personal Estate, 1.247.478.00

\$3.361.484.00 at 4 5-8 mills on the dollar,

\$15.546 86

778 Polls at \$1.50 each, - - - 1.167 00

\$16.713 86

Town Grant, 13.000 00

State Tax, 1.650 00

County Tax, 1.611.48

Overlayings, 452.38

\$16.713 86

The above is a true and correct copy of a list of Town, State, and County Taxes for the Town of West Cambridge, assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the inhabitants of said Town, and also the non-residents, according to a valuation, as taken by the subscribers on the first of May, A. D. 1856, and committed to Josiah H. Russell for collection for the current year, with their warrant in due form of law.

STEPHEN SYMMES, JR.,	}	<i>Assessors of the Town of Wt. Cambridge.</i>
WILLIAM DICKSON,		
GEO. C. RUSSELL,		

West Cambridge, June 12, 1856.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF WEST CAMBRIDGE,
FOR 1855-6.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

THIS School is not in a prosperous condition. There is good order, good recitations, and on the part of most of the pupils very good progress. Mr. Charles L. Washburn's method of teaching, makes thorough scholars in such branches as are studied here. In his first class there are some of the best scholars in town, and many, whose only experience in a Grammar School has been under his charge, have made excellent progress. There are no better Geography classes, no better Readers, in short, in every study his pupils show persevering and successful instruction. The Committee have confidence in his ability, and wish they could say that the state of the school answered their expectations. What we miss in this school-room, where everything seems so orderly, is, what we will call, for want of a better expression, its humanities. Some of the pupils are too often obstinately obedient, and manifest too little love for teacher, classmates, or anybody else. They seldom sing, although the teacher has been often kindly requested to make this beautiful art a frequent exercise. We

cannot help thinking that there would be a more regular and full attendance in this, the largest district in town, could there be a manifestation of more affectionate confidence and real interest, with less will, on the part of teacher and pupils.

Miss Jennison, the assistant in this school, has been faithful to her charge, and her works do praise her. We regret that her ill health obliged her to resign the situation. She is now suffering from the effects of a legal, and very common system of slow poisoning, to which the accumulated wisdom of the nineteenth century subjects the great majority of Young America in the school-room. Breathing an atmosphere charged with the gasses generated in twenty or thirty pairs of active lungs, the life of it burned out by the red hot sides of a cylinder stove, and occasionally revived by a torrent of out-of-doors air through an open window, tempered with snow flakes or below zero, will in time affect the toughest nature. Miss Harriet Blake succeeded Miss Jennison, and is doing the district good service. She is a good teacher, and her pupils cannot fail to progress.

CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

In this school there has been no change of teacher. Miss L. C. Tucker is an admirable instructor of children. While she takes charge of the school, it will, without doubt, remain one of the best conducted Primary Schools in the region about. We must, however, remind the parents in this district of the fact that she is mortal, and cannot well do more than forty things at once; and we would respectfully suggest to those who so pertinaciously insist upon making her their nursery maid, by sending in their "wee bit todlings" of all ages below four and a half years, the propriety and fairness of providing them with cot beds and candy. It is difficult to understand how she can find time to look after the comfort of "those tired little feet," during the long warm summer afternoons, where accommodations for a nap are so scanty, and yet so bravely do her duty by the older children.

NORTH-WEST DISTRICT.

This school is unlike any other in town. It is an excellent illustration of the importance of ambition and skill in the teacher. The town is under great obligations to Mr. Peabody for the excellent condition this school has been kept in for several years. He has infused into the school an ambition and refinement that places his first classes among the best in any town school in the State. Many children have come under his care, indifferent themselves, and whose parents never enter the school-room, who in a little while have learned to know how much they can do, and have soon taken a stand among the best in the school. In this district there are too many who think that if their children can "read, write and cipher," it is all they need know of books, and that all knowledge more than of these, is acquired at a total loss of time. We cannot here "reason together" upon the wisdom or folly of their conclusions, but will only say that the free expression of such sentiments, by the parents, takes from the heart of the child all desire to do well and labor diligently, and hangs to the teacher's energies a drag that wearies and discourages his most earnest endeavors.

NORTH-WEST DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Here again we have been fortunate in not being obliged to change teachers. Miss Mary C. Hill, assisted by her sisters, Adeline and Henrietta, during different terms, has continued the school through the year in a manner acceptable to all interested. This is a very large school and taxes the strength and patience of the teachers most severely. Here, as in the Centre District, we have a room filled with fine active children, packed as closely together, and treated much in the same manner as hams in a smoke house, so far as ventilation and space are concerned. The little room into which twenty-five or more are often crowded for recitation, and which would be in use through all the hours of school, were it possible for the assistant to remain in it, is about four feet wide and ten long,

without other ventilation than the door which opens into the school-room, which must be closed during exercises. After being occupied half an hour the air of the room becomes so impure, that no one can continue to breathe it without being sick. This school should have larger and more commodious rooms. It has good teachers and is made up of agreeable and intelligent children. They deserve better accommodations.

SOUTH DISTRICT.

This School is somewhat peculiar. There is no trouble here, no fault-finding, at least, so far as the Committee are informed; no children abused; no partiality; no negligence on the part of the Teacher; no intrusion of the scholars upon angry neighbors; no running the gauntlet in passing the school-house in sleighing time. The district has seemed pleased with the school, and the teacher has been pleased with his pupils.

Mr. W. Fisk Gile, who has been the instructor the most of the year, has been earnest and successful in the discharge of his duties. The members of the district, by their generous contributions, have furnished the school-room with a beautiful cabinet of philosophical apparatus, at an expense of more than two hundred dollars. Such manifestations of interest are assurances of the right state of things. People do not give money where they have no interest in the use to which it is appropriated. Mr. Gile resigned in February, and was succeeded by Mr. R. C. Hardy, whose well established reputation as an excellent teacher, and an agreeable, honorable man, secures to him the utmost confidence and respect of the Committee.

SOUTH DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

It is a pleasure to speak of this school. Under the management of Miss Amelia Douglass, it has ever been one of the best schools in town. Pretty, intelligent children, a spacious, cheerful room, and a kind-natured, skillful instructor,

are certainly the essentials present here. Everything goes on harmoniously, and everybody seems to be satisfied and pleased.

EAST DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

This fine little Primary School has continued under the charge of Miss S. Miranda Chase, and we most heartily continue to her the commendations of last year. Her earnest, kindly efforts to benefit the children, and their obedient, affectionate response, together with the hearty good will and steady encouragement manifested by the parents towards both, have done much towards realizing the pleasant relationship which should ever exist between the teacher and the members of the district. The last term was much broken up by severe weather. The drifting snow storms, the exposed situation of the school-house, and the tender age of many of the children, made going to school a very dangerous undertaking many times during the past cold winter; but where the teacher, the pupils and the parents are willing each to help the other, there must always be advancement. At all the visits of the Committee and at the final examination, it was evident that the teacher knew how to do her duty, and was willing and able to do it.

She has resigned her situation very much to the regret of all interested in the school, and retires with the respect and kind wishes of those whom she has most faithfully served.

Amount of money paid over by the Town Treasurer to orders
from the School Committee.

To Mr. Silas Peabody,	.	.	.	.	.	\$650 00
" " Charles L. Washburn,	.	.	.	.	.	650 00
" " W. F. Gile,	.	.	.	.	.	579 12
" " R. C. Hardy,	.	.	.	.	.	62 50
" " Amelia Douglass,	.	.	.	.	.	225 00
" " S. Miranda Chase,	.	.	.	.	.	256 00

To Miss Lydia C. Tucker,	\$275 00
" " Mary C. Hill,	225 00
" " Adeline Hill,	101 00
" " C. Jennison,	126 00
" " Harriet Blake,	38 00
" " M. A. Shattuck,	7 20
" " Henrietta Hill,	33 00
" Mr. Stephen Swan,	13 44
" " Abel Pierce,	13 44
" " Stephen Symms,	6 72

EXPENSE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by direct taxation,	\$2600.00
Received from State Fund.	85.69
Income from Cutter School Fund,	325.04
The cost of wood and coal has been about	220.00
Building fires and sweeping,	77.00
Incidental expenses, -	25.00

There were in town on the 1st of April, 1855, 387 children between the ages of five and fifteen years, 287 children under five years of age.

Does not the large number of this younger class indicate the absolute necessity of providing more room soon?

Upon presenting to the people of West Cambridge a report upon the condition of the public schools, it seems proper to suggest to them such alterations and improvements as have appeared to be desirable in their arrangements. There can be no doubt that if all who are desirous of making these institutions as useful and profitable as they are capable of being made, even with the same outlay of money, should come together and patiently look into the subject, there would soon be a state of things over which the hearts of true men would rejoice. They would become interested in them, and feel something more than is manifested by the mere assent to an

appropriation for their support on town-meeting day. They would realize more vividly the obligations they themselves should acknowledge for mental habits and wealth they have derived from them. To most of us these public schools have been the benefactors that have placed in our possession the means of starting fairly in the race of active life. Many, very many, have had nothing else to look to for the knowledge that gives them courage and confidence in their own capacity.

If we cannot have a high school, then the recommendation of the last school report should be adopted.

There should be intermediate schools established in the Centre and North-West Districts, or what would answer as well, the houses should be made large enough to give convenient and well-ventilated recitation rooms. This want of space and fresh air is the great want of our schools. Our teachers have been competent and active, and there is a set of pupils in all the districts who are willing to do credit to their instructions. They have not fallen behind our expectations, but they are capable of doing better, and would do better were they well supplied with that elastic, buoyant vitality derived from well-ventilated blood.

A bountiful God has stretched out space into infinity, and piled up the sweet atmosphere to the stars, yet we allowance our children in both, by dealing out to them most stingily what is given to them without measure.

There is no danger whatever that our children will not learn fast enough, but there is great danger that they will not grow fast enough.

Their minds are cultivated with much more care than their bodies, and we are too forgetful of looking for well developed, cheerful boys and girls, while praising and encouraging the mental vigor of precocious prodiges. A healthy boy at fourteen who can shoulder a bushel of corn, or swim a half mile, or a robust, warm-blooded girl who can laugh heartily, run, jump rope, and work without the "side ache," affords surer hopes of a happy life and future worth, than to be feeble and nervous, and able to demonstrate every geometrical problem ever

There would then be no necessity for intermediate schools, which are now much needed, and which must be provided before long, and it will cost as much, or nearly as much, to enlarge the two school houses, or build new ones for their accommodation, as to put up a building for the High School.

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